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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, HO, NU
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT IN HONDURAS

1. DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATION OVER LUNCH ON JULY 15 (WHICH IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL), PRESIDENT SOMOZA ADVISED AMB. SOLAUN THAT NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES WERE REPORTING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT BY HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO OUST PRESIDENT MELGAR WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE PRESIDENT INTIMATED THAT THE RECENT NARCOTICS SCANDAL MAY HAVE BROUGHT TO A HEAD A DISPUTE BETWEEN OTHER SENIOR HONDURAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MELGAR. SOMOZA ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEGATIVE REACTION TO MELGAR'S PERCEIVED ATTEMPTS TO PERPETUATE HIS OWN ROLE IN HONDURAS.

2. SOMOZA DID NOT STATE HIS OWN FEELINGS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE COUP NOR DID HE INDICATE WHETHER HE WOULD INFORM THE GOH ABOUT THE PLOT.

3. SOMOZA PLACED NO RESTRICTION ON INFORMATION GIVEN TO AMB, BUT IN THE EVENT DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ITS RELEASE OUTSIDE USG IS APPROPRIATE, NO ATTRIBUTION SHOULD BE MADE.
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